

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 28TH SESSION:
COUNCIL - PART II**

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete and send to council@isa.org.jm.

- 1. Name of Working Group:**
IWG-Environment

- 2. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:**
Japan

- 3. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.**
Part VI Closure plans / Regulation 61, 1 alt, 2, 2bis

- 4. Kindly provide the proposed amendments to the regulation or standard or guideline in the text box below, using the “track changes” function in Microsoft Word. Please only reproduce the parts of the text that are being amended or deleted.**

1 alt. A Contractor shall implement the Final Closure Plan and shall report to the Secretary-General on the progress of such implementation, including a summary of the results of monitoring, conducted in accordance with the applicable Standard and pursuant to the monitoring programme, and management actions taken in response to any adverse Environmental Effects identified through monitoring, until completion of execution of the Final Closure Plan.

Such report will be submitted in accordance with the following schedule: on annual basis during the first ~~{three}~~{five} years after cessation of mining activity, on two yearly basis during the next ~~{six}~~{four} years, on five yearly basis during the remaining term of the Closure Plan. This schedule can be corrected in agreement with the Council on recommendation from the Commission.

2. The Contractor shall continue to monitor the Marine Environment for ~~{such period}~~~~{X years}~~ after the cessation of activities, as set out in the ~~F~~final Closure Plan and for the duration provided for in the Standards and taking into account ~~-~~Guidelines.

2 bis. Monitoring data shall be released publicly in an accessible format according to the relevant Standard and taking into account Guidelines ~~{in intervals defined in the Final Closure Plan according to the Standard}~~~~{in intervals defined in the Standard}~~ adhering to internationally recognized data principles, consistent with Best

Scientific Practices, ~~[in monthly intervals] [in annual intervals] [at intervals appropriate to the monitoring schedule].~~

5. Please indicate the rationale for the proposal. [150-word limit]

We support paragraph 1 alt. due to the clarity of the description. The reports should be submitted annually for at least 5 years, since environmental changes may be expected for several years after the cessation of activities.

Regarding paragraph 2, it is difficult to define the monitoring period uniformly, since it would depend on the ore type, scale of the production and environmental baseline. We consider that the monitoring period should be defined in the approved Final Closure Plan.

Regarding paragraph 2 bis, the monitoring data will be obtained in accordance with the approved Final Closure Plan, and the frequency of monitoring data acquisition would depend on the ore type, scale of the production and environmental baseline. Therefore, the monitoring data should be published in accordance with the monitoring schedule described in the Final Closure Plan.